

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7093–S7134

Measures Introduced: Twenty-two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3013–3034, and S. Res. 424–425. **Pages S7124–25**

Measures Passed:

Prison Camera Reform Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 2899, to require the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to address deficiencies and make necessary upgrades to the security camera and radio systems of the Bureau of Prisons to ensure the health and safety of employees and inmates, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7132**

Measures Considered:

Freedom to Vote Act: By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 420), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2747, to expand Americans' access to the ballot box and reduce the influence of big money in politics. **Pages S7107–08**

Senator Schumer entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S7108**

Lin Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Tana Lin, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington. **Pages S7108–21**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 21, 2021, Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Tana Lin, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, Douglas L. Parker, of West Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, and Myrna Perez, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, in that order and that if cloture is invoked on any of the nominations, all post-cloture time be considered expired at 1:45 p.m.; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Tana Lin, the confirmation vote occur at 1:45 p.m., on Thursday, October 21, 2021; and that if cloture is invoked on either the Douglas L. Parker, or Myrna Perez nominations, the confirmation votes begin at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, October 25, 2021. **Page S7121**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, October 21, 2021. **Page S7132**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 51 yeas to 50 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. EX. 419), Catherine Elizabeth Lhamon, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Education. **Pages S7096–S7107**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 50 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. EX. 418), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S7097–98**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

James C. O'Brien, of Nebraska, to be Head of the Office of Sanctions Coordination, with the rank of Ambassador. **Page S7134**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—420) **Pages S7098, S7107–08**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:28 p.m., until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 21, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7132.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PRIVATE EQUITY ABUSE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine protecting companies and communities from private equity abuse, after receiving testimony from Michael Frerichs, Illinois State Treasurer, Springfield; Shirley Smith, United for Respect, Eastpointe, Michigan; Peggy Malone, Crozer-Chester Nurses Association, Upland, Pennsylvania; and Eileen Appelbaum, Center for Economic and Policy Research, Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, and David R. Burton, The Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Victoria Marie Baecher Wassmer, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Mohsin Raza Syed, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, Amitabha Bose, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, and Meera Joshi, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, all of the Department of Transportation, Rear Admiral Nancy A. Hann, of Maryland, to be Director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Corps and Director, Office of Marine and Aviation Operations, Department of Commerce, and routine lists in the Coast Guard.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Max Vekich, of Washington, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Christopher A. Coes, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, and Laurie E. Locascio, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology, who was introduced by Senator Cardin, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PFAS CHEMICALS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine evaluating the Federal response to the persistence and impacts of PFAS chemicals on our environment, after receiving testimony from Radhika Fox, Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency.

HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine health insurance coverage in America, focusing on the current and future role of Federal programs, after receiving testimony from Senators Warnock and Scott (FL); Linda J. Blumberg, Urban Institute, Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, and Frederick Isasi, Families USA, all of Washington, D.C.; and Sara R. Collins, The Commonwealth Fund, New York, New York.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of R. Nicholas Burns, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, who was introduced by Senator Markey, Rahm Emanuel, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Japan, who was introduced by Senators Durbin and Hagerty, and Jonathan Eric Kaplan, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, who was introduced by Senator Hickenlooper, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Patricia Mahoney, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic, Peter Hendrick Vrooman, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, Peter D. Haas, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Julie Chung, of California, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Brian Wesley Shukan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, Elizabeth Anne Noseworthy Fitzsimmons, of Delaware, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, and David R. Gilmour, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ernest W. DuBester, of Virginia, and Susan Tsui Grundmann, of Virginia, both to be

Member, and Kurt Thomas Rumsfeld, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, all of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DEVELOPMENT IN NATIVE COMMUNITIES

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine investing in economic sovereignty, focusing on leveraging Federal financing for new and sustained development in Native communities, after receiving testimony from Clint Hastings, Associate Program Manager for Native Initiatives, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, and Fatima Abbas, Senior Advisor, Office of Recovery Programs, both of the Department of the Treasury; K. Denise Edwards, Acting Director, Office of Indian Economic Development and Chief of the Division of Economic Development, Department of the Interior; Casey Lozar, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Arlan Melendez, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Reno, Nevada; Kuhio Lewis, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, Kapolei, Hawaii; Richard Frias, Native American Financial Officers Association, and Pete Upton, Native CDFI Network, both of Washington, D.C.; and Carl Marrs, Old Harbor Native Corporation, Old Harbor, Alaska.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Holly A. Thomas, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Maame Ewusi-Mensah Frimpong, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Jennifer L. Thurston, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, and Hernan D. Vera, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, who were all introduced by Senator Padilla, Mary Katherine Dimke, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, who was introduced by Senator Murray, and Charlotte N. Sweeney, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, who was introduced by Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

RESTORING THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution concluded a hearing to examine restoring the Voting Rights Act, focusing on protecting the Native American and Alaska Native vote, after receiving testimony from Edward Buchanan, Wyoming Secretary Of State, Cheyenne; Jonathan M. Nez, President of the Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona; Jacqueline De Leon, Native American

Rights Fund, Boulder, Colorado; Nicole Borromeo, Alaska Federation of Natives, Anchorage; and Sara Frankenstein, Gunderson, Palmer, Nelson and Ashmore, LLP, Rapid City, South Dakota.

LOC MODERNIZATION OVERSIGHT

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Library of Congress modernization efforts, after receiving testimony from Carla Hayden, Librarian of Congress, Shira Perlmutter, Register of Copyrights and Director, Copyright Office, Mary B. Mazanec, Director, Congressional Research Service, and Jason Broughton, Director, National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled, all of the Library of Congress.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee order favorably reported the nominations of Guy T. Kiyokawa, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Enterprise Integration), and James D. Rodriguez, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1342, to establish an inter-agency committee on the development of green alert systems that would be activated when a veteran goes missing, S. 1779, to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate copayments by the Department of Veterans Affairs for medicines relating to preventive health services, S. 1937, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program to furnish doula services to veterans, S. 1944, to improve Vet Centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2283, to improve the Veterans Crisis Line of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2386, to amend the VA MISSION Act of 2018, to expand the peer specialist support program of the Department of Veterans Affairs to all medical centers of the Department, S. 2526, to authorize the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into agreements for the planning, design, and construction of facilities to be operated as shared medical facilities, S. 2533, to improve mammography services furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2624, to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2022, S. 2720, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national clinical pathway for prostate cancer, S. 2787, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the role of doctors of podiatric medicine in the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2852, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into

contracts and agreements for the payment of care in non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical foster homes for certain veterans who are unable to live independently, S. 2924, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to transmit certain information to personnel of Vet Centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs regarding members of the Armed Forces transitioning from service in the Armed Forces to civilian life, an original bill entitled, "Servicemembers and Veterans Empowerment and Support Act", an original bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish new requirements for State homes for veterans that receive per diem from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, an original bill entitled, "Veterans Dental Care Eligibility Expansion and Enhancement Act", an original bill entitled, "Veterans State Eligibility Standardization Act", and an original bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reorganize

the Chaplain Service of the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth Brill, Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Services and Deputy Chief Medical Officer, and David Carroll, Executive Director, Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, both of the Veterans Health Administration, and Lawrence Pierce, Assistant Director, Office of Outreach, Transition, and Economic Development, Veterans Benefits Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and Marquis D. Barefield, Disabled American Veterans, and Tom Porter, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, both of Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 5635–5653; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 728–729 were introduced. **Page H5725**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5726–27**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 727, relating to the consideration of House Report 117–152 and an accompanying resolution (H. Rept. 117–153). **Page H5725**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Stanton to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5677**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:19 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5687**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures: Guidance Clarity Act of 2021: H.R. 1508, amended, to require a guidance clarity statement on certain agency guidance; **Pages H5689–91**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 League in Irvine, California, as the "Tuskegee Airman Lieutenant Colonel Robert J. Friend Memorial Post Office Building": H.R. 1170, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 League in Irvine, California, as the "Tuskegee Airman Lieuten-

ant Colonel Robert J. Friend Memorial Post Office Building"; **Pages H5691–92**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1905 15th Street in Boulder, Colorado, as the "Officer Eric H. Talley Post Office Building": H.R. 3210, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1905 15th Street in Boulder, Colorado, as the "Officer Eric H. Talley Post Office Building"; **Pages H5692–93**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 40 Fulton Street in Middletown, New York, as the "Benjamin A. Gilman Post Office Building": H.R. 767, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 40 Fulton Street in Middletown, New York, as the "Benjamin A. Gilman Post Office Building"; **Page H5693**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 66 Meserole Avenue in Brooklyn, New York, as the "Joseph R. Lentol Post Office": H.R. 3419, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 66 Meserole Avenue in Brooklyn, New York, as the "Joseph R. Lentol Post Office"; **Pages H5693–94**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 132 North Loudoun Street, Suite 1 in Winchester, Virginia, as the "Patsy Cline Post Office": H.R. 1444, to designate

the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 132 North Loudoun Street, Suite 1 in Winchester, Virginia, as the “Patsy Cline Post Office”;

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Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 135 Main Street in Biloxi, Mississippi, as the “Robert S. McKeithen Post Office Building”: H.R. 3175, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 135 Main Street in Biloxi, Mississippi, as the “Robert S. McKeithen Post Office Building”;

Pages H5695–96

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 17 East Main Street in Herington, Kansas, as the “Captain Emil J. Kapaun Post Office Building”: H.R. 2044, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 17 East Main Street in Herington, Kansas, as the “Captain Emil J. Kapaun Post Office Building”; and

Pages H5696–97

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3493 Burnet Avenue in Cincinnati, Ohio, as the “John H. Lehr and Herbert M. Heilbrun Post Office”: H.R. 960, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3493 Burnet Avenue in Cincinnati, Ohio, as the “John H. Lehr and Herbert M. Heilbrun Post Office”.

Pages H5697–98

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Wednesday, September 29th.

DHS Software Supply Chain Risk Management Act of 2021: H.R. 4611, amended, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to issue guidance with respect to certain information and communications technology or services contracts, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 412 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 319.

Pages H5698–99

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Tuesday, October 19th. *State Opioid Response Grant Authorization Act of 2021:* H.R. 2379, amended, to amend the 21st Century Cures Act to reauthorize and expand a grant program for State response to the opioid use disorders crisis, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 380 yeas to 46 nays, Roll No. 320;

Pages H5699–H5700

Drug-Free Communities Pandemic Relief Act: H.R. 654, amended, to provide the Administrator of the Drug-Free Communities Support Program the authority to waive the Federal fund limitation for the Drug-Free Communities Support Program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 395 yeas to 30 nays, Roll No. 321;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To provide the Administrator of the Drug-free Communities Support Program the authority to waive the Federal fund limitation for the Drug-Free Communities Support Program, and for other purposes.”;

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Strengthening America's Strategic National Stockpile Act of 2021: H.R. 3635, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Strategic National Stockpile, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 397 yeas to 22 nays, Roll No. 322;

Page H5701

Secure Equipment Act of 2021: H.R. 3919, amended, to ensure that the Federal Communications Commission does not approve radio frequency devices that pose a national security risk, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 420 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 323;

Pages H5701–02

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To ensure that the Federal Communications Commission prohibits authorization of radio frequency devices that pose a national security risk.”;

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Open RAN Outreach Act: H.R. 4032, amended, to provide outreach and technical assistance to small providers regarding the benefits of Open RAN networks, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 17 nays, Roll No. 324;

Pages H5702–03

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To provide outreach and technical assistance to small providers regarding Open RAN networks, and for other purposes.”;

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Communications Security Advisory Act of 2021: H.R. 4067, amended, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to establish a council to make recommendations on ways to increase the security, reliability, and interoperability of communications networks, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 397 yeas to 29 nays, Roll No. 325; and

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Information and Communication Technology Strategy Act: H.R. 4028, amended, to require the Secretary of Commerce to report on and develop a whole-of-Government strategy with respect to the economic competitiveness of the information and communication technology supply chain, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 413 yeas to 14 nays, Roll No. 326;

Pages H5703–04

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, to report on and develop a whole-of-Government strategy with respect to the economic competitiveness of the information and communication technology supply chain, and for other purposes.”.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Fortenberry wherein he resigned from the Committee on Appropriations. **Page H5704**

Senate Referral: S. 3011 was held at the desk.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5698.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5698–99, H5699–H5700, H5700, H5701, H5701–02, H5702–03, H5703, and H5704.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ENHANCING PUBLIC HEALTH: LEGISLATION TO PROTECT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Enhancing Public Health: Legislation to Protect Children and Families”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia, and Nonproliferation held a hearing entitled “The Strategic Importance of the Pacific Islands”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990: THE CURRENT STATE OF INTEGRATION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990: The Current State of Integration of People with Disabilities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COLORADO RIVER DROUGHT CONDITIONS AND RESPONSE MEASURES—DAY TWO

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing entitled “Colorado River Drought Conditions and Response Measures—Day Two”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FIND STEPHEN K. BANNON IN CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS FOR REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA DULY ISSUED BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE JANUARY 6TH ATTACK ON THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on a Resolution Recommending that the House of Representatives Find Stephen K. Bannon in Contempt of Congress for Refusal to Comply with a Subpoena Duly Issued by the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a rule providing for consideration of the resolution accompanying House Report 117–152, under a closed rule. The rule provides that if House Report 117–152 is called up by direction of the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol, all points of order against the report shall be waived and it shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided among and controlled by Representative Thompson of Mississippi, Representative Cheney of Wyoming, and an opponent, or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution accompanying the report. The rule provides that the resolution accompanying the report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Thompson of Mississippi, and Representatives Cheney, Gaetz, and Jordan.

ACCELERATING DEEP SPACE TRAVEL WITH SPACE NUCLEAR PROPULSION

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing entitled “Accelerating Deep Space Travel with Space Nuclear Propulsion”. Testimony was heard from Bhavya Lal, Senior Advisor for Budget and Finance, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and public witnesses.

GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS AND SMALL BUSINESS TRADE CHALLENGES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Regulations held a hearing entitled “Global Supply Chains and Small Business Trade Challenges”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ACHIEVING MISSION BALANCE: POSITIONING THE COAST GUARD FOR THE FUTURE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Achieving Mission Balance: Positioning the Coast Guard for the Future”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Scott A. Buschman, Deputy Commandant for Operations, U.S. Coast Guard.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 2568, the “United States Cadet Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act of 2021”; H.R. 2724, the “VA Peer Support Enhancement for MST Survivors Act”; H.R. 2800, the “WINGMAN Act”; H.R. 2827, the “Captain James C. Edge Gold Star Spouse Equity Act”; H.R. 3402, the “Caring for Survivors Act of 2021”; H.R. 3793, the “Supporting Families of the Fallen Act”; H.R. 4191, the “Gold Star Spouses Non-Monetary Benefits Act”; H.R. 4601, the “Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act”; H.R. 4633, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the repayment by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of benefits misused by a fiduciary; H.R. 4772, the “Mark O'Brien VA Clothing Allowance Improvement Act”; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to repay the estates of deceased beneficiaries for certain benefits paid by the Secretary and misused by fiduciaries of such beneficiaries; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the manner in which the Board of Veterans' Appeals conducts hearings regarding claims involving military sexual trauma and to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve the language and practices of the Department of Veterans Affairs with respect to such claims; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend increased dependency and indemnity compensation paid to surviving spouses of veterans who die from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, regardless of how long the veterans had such disease prior to death; and legislation to improve coordination between the Veterans Health Administration and the Veterans Benefits Administration with respect to claims for compensation arising from military sexual trauma, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Luria, Nehls, Slotkin, Trone, Levin of California, Mryan, Perry, Connolly, Bustos, Hayes, and Delgado; Nilijah Carter, Executive Director, Pension and Fiduciary Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

GOOD FOR BUSINESS: PRIVATE SECTOR PERSPECTIVES ON CLIMATE ACTION

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Good for Business: Private Sector Perspectives on Climate Action”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

OSCE MEDIA FREEDOM

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine media freedom in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe region, after receiving testimony from Teresa Ribeiro, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Vienna, Austria; Robert Mahoney, Committee to Protect Journalists, New York, New York; Peter Pomerantsev, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D.C.; and Jamie Fly, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Prague, Czech Republic.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine how private equity landlords are changing the housing market, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Space and Science, to hold hearings to examine international collaboration and competition in space, focusing on oversight of NASA's role and programs, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine S. 1734, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to encourage and expand the use of prescribed fire on land managed by the Department of the Interior or the Forest Service, with an emphasis on units of the National Forest System in the western United States, S. 1964, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide for the establishment of a Ski Area Fee Retention Account, S. 2404, to improve Federal activities relating to wildfires, S. 2436, to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to establish emergency fire-shed management areas, S. 2561, to amend the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to provide that a land resource management plan or land use plan approved, amended, or revised under those Acts shall not be considered to be a continuing Federal agency action or constitute a discretionary Federal involvement or control for a distinct Federal purpose, S. 2564, to establish a pilot program under which the Chief of the Forest Service may use alternative dispute resolution in lieu of judicial review for certain projects, S.

2650, to provide mandatory funding for hazardous fuels reduction projects on certain Federal land, S. 2806, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to select and implement landscape-scale forest restoration projects, to assist communities in increasing their resilience to wildfire, and S. 2836, to improve revegetation and carbon sequestration activities in the United States, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine safeguarding inspector general independence and integrity, 10:15 a.m., SD-342/VTC.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2428, to amend title 31, United States Code, to modify False Claims Act procedures, S. 2429, to amend chapter 38 of title 31, United States Code, relating to civil remedies, S. 998, to provide grants to States that do not suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a driver's license of a person or refuse to renew a registration of a motor vehicle for failure to pay a civil or criminal fine or fee, and the nominations of Beth Robinson, of Vermont, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Jennifer Sung, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Lucy Haeran Koh, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Jane M. Beckering, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan, Shalina D. Kumar, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Armando O. Bonilla, of the District of Columbia, and Carolyn N. Lerner, of Maryland, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and Jonathan Kanter, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 9 a.m., SD-106.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4252, to provide additional funding for scholarships for students at 1890's institutions; H.R. 2361, the "Rebuild Rural America Act of 2021"; legislation on Chronic Wasting Disease Research and Management Act; H.R. 3532, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a periodic wildfire assessment, and for other purposes; H.R. 4489, the "National Forest Restoration and Remediation Act"; legislation on Cattle Contract Library Act of 2021; and H.R. 5589, the "Pyrolysis Innovation Grants Act", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth and Zoom.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Update on VA's Electronic Health Record Modernization Implementation", 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled "Offshore Wind, Onshore Benefits: Growing the Domestic Wind Energy Industry", 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "A Strong Foundation: How Housing Is the Key To Building Back a Better America", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn and Webex.

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10 a.m., Thursday, October 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Tana Lin, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

At 11:30 a.m., Senate will vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Tana Lin, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, Douglas L. Parker, of West Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, and Myrna Perez, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

If cloture is invoked on the nomination of Tana Lin, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 1:45 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, October 21

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of resolution Recommending that the House of Representatives Find Stephen K. Bannon in Contempt of Congress for Refusal to Comply with a Subpoena Duly Issued by the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol.

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